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MARCH MADNESS RECAP!

Written by Piper Eskridge

The 2025 NCAA Tournament was everything fans hoped for. Brackets were busted early as top seeds like Kansas and Duke got knocked out before the Sweet 16, leaving fans stunned. 12-seed Santa Clara made a wild run to the Elite Eight, taking down big names with fearless shooting and gritty defense. The Final Four featured UConn, Arizona, Purdue, and San Diego State. In the championship, UConn edged out Arizona 68-66 in a nail-biter.



Jayden Ross sealed the win with a huge block at the buzzer and earned Most Outstanding Player after averaging 21 points a game. 2025's March Madness reminded everyone why this tournament is one of the best events in sports.



IMPORTANT ANNOUNCEMENTS FOR SENIORS!

Seniors! There are only 23 days left until graduation! With that, here is some important information to remember:

Written by Hailey Johnson



SENIORS! Reminder to turn in your favorite photo of you as a kiddo to Ms. Starmann for the yearbook!
(hstarmann@manistee.org)



- Grad Bash is Monday, May 5th. Please RSVP to thunter@manistee.org or amiller@manistee.org for approximate numbers for attendance by May 3rd. Any seniors that are at the school on the 5th are allowed to get on the bus and enjoy the event.
- Check your emails for more information on Grad Bash.

- Sign up for our student-organized senior trip to Cedar Point by contacting Noah Maue. Secure your seat on the 12-passenger van with a payment made to Noah Maue. For more information, contact 25maunoa@manistee.org
- Be sure to turn in your baby pictures to Ms. Starmann by April 30th for the yearbook!
- Check your photo and name on the senior class composite in your email by Wednesday, April 16th.



Juniors and seniors! Prom is coming up! Save the date - April 19th. Here is some important information :

- You can purchase prom tickets during 1st and 3rd lunch every day until April 18th. If you miss ticket sales at lunch, you can also stop by Ms. Starmann's classroom between classes to purchase tickets. Tickets will also be sold at the door on Saturday, but you might risk paying 5\$ more.
- Tickets are 20\$
- Prom 2025 is a masquerade, but masks aren't required to attend. All prom goers can choose a complimentary mask when they arrive to wear throughout the night! The mask you choose is yours to keep!
- Prom guest forms for non-MAPS students are now available in the office.
- Prom is intended for juniors and seniors, but you can invite a 9th or 10th grader as a guest!
- On prom night, attendees will vote for who wins out of the finalists for prom queen and king!
- [Prom Song Request Survey](#)

For more information, you can contact hstarmann@manistee.org



SPRING SPIRIT WEEK

Written by Kate Somsel

Don't worry! Spring spirit week is still undergo!

Thursday: **Tie Dye Day**

Friday: [Class Color Day](#)



If your a freshmen wear **GREEN**

Sophomores... **YELLOW!**

Juniors... **PINK!**

Seniors... **BLUE!**





BEYOND THE FIELD

STUDENT ATHLETE INTERVIEW:



FEATURING... LANDIN SOWA

Written by Gabby Senters

Our sports program here at MHS is a great way to make new friends. Landin is one of the students in our sports program. Don't be afraid to start a conversation with him. If you want to learn more about our classmate Landin, read the interview below:

What sport(s) do you play?

- I play football, basketball, and baseball.

What got you interested in sports?

- Highlight videos of the game and TV

What is your favorite sport to watch/play?

- Football

Do you plan to play sports in college?

- I'm not sure yet.



What do you want your future career to be?

- I want to be a coach.

What are some of your favorite hobbies outside of sports?

- I spend time with my friends and play video games.

What are the challenges you encountered as a student-athlete?

- I find it challenging to find a good balance between school and sports. With homework and practice, it can be hard to balance it all.

STAFF OF THE WEEK:

MS. BOHLE

Written by Alayna Edmondson

Each issue of the Mariner Chronicle we have a staff spotlight. This time, it is Ms. Bohle. Ms. Bohle is the PE and Health teacher here at MAPS, and we are so glad to have her.

Question 1: Where are you from?

- I grew up in a small town right outside of Kansas City, Missouri. I went to college in Southeast Kansas and then made the move to Michigan!

Question 2: How long have you been teaching?

- 2 years

Question 3: What is your comfort meal?

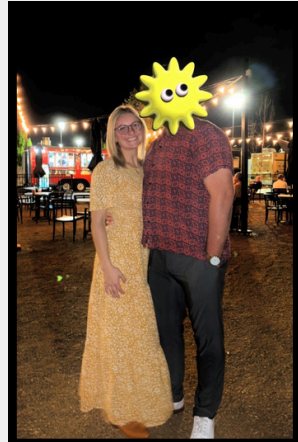
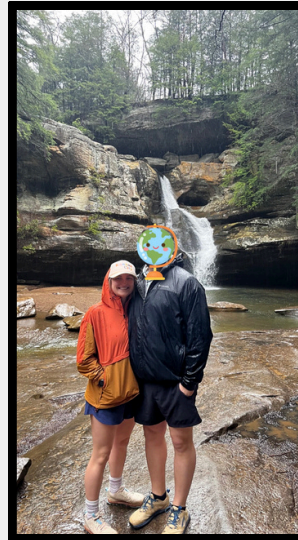
- Chips and salsa. Has to be the Late July sea salt and lime tortilla chips (Not sponsored, but would be open to it if they had NIL deals for teachers).

Question 4: Who was your biggest inspiration growing up?

- My biggest inspiration growing up was probably my middle school PE teacher/assistant high school softball coach. I had a lot of really great coaches that inspired me to not only be a better athlete, but a better person. I'm still so grateful for it!

Question 5: What is your favorite sport to watch vs play?

- My favorite sports to watch are probably women's soccer or women's tennis. I follow the USWNT pretty closely. In my old age, my favorite sports to play have become golf or pickleball. Growing up it was always softball! Remember kids, everyone watches women's sports!!



SPRING SPORTS HAS BEGUN!

Written by Alayna Edmondson

Spring sports started fast with 3 soccer games, 4 baseball games, 4 softball games, and one track meet.



The girl's soccer team started strong with a record of 3-0. They played Traverse City Bulldogs, Reed City, and Buckley. They came out with a score of 3-0 against Traverse City. **Eowyn Thompson (12)**, **Kate Somsel (12)**, and **Alayna Edmondson (11)** each scored one goal. Scoring 3 goals again against Reed City with a score of 3-1, **Somsel** had two more goals and **Edmondson** with one. Lastly, against Buckley, they scored 3 goals again, and another score of 3-0. **Somsel**, once again, added two goals, and **Lindsey Gardner (11)** with one. The girls' soccer team will play at home this Friday, 4-18, against the Ravenna Bulldogs at 5 pm.



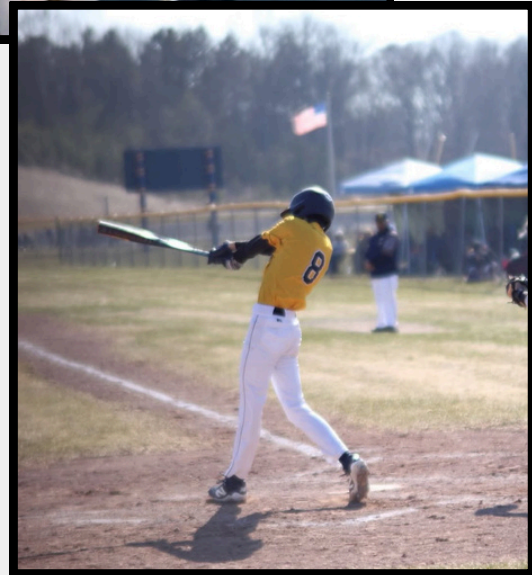
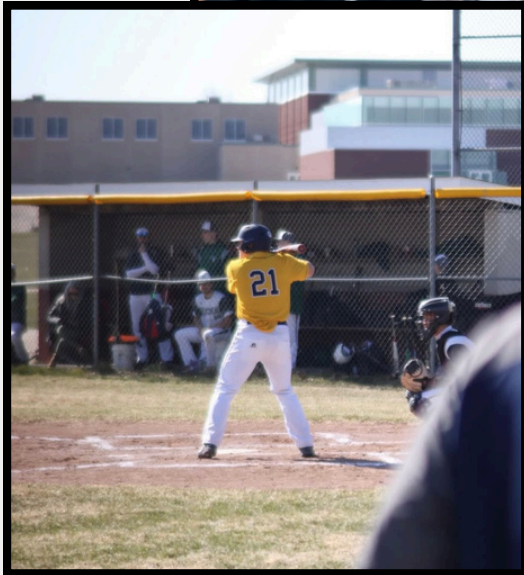
MORE SPRING SPORTS....

Written by Alayna Edmondson

The boys' baseball team started with two doubleheaders against Kingsley and Pine River. The first game against Kingsley was a loss with a score of 4-9, then the second was another loss with a score of 1-3. In the first game, **Mason Robinson (12)**, **Miles Joseph (11)**, **Landin Sowa (11)**, and **Josh Weiss (11)** each collected one hit. Then, **Robinson**, **Keegan Shannon (11)**, and **Luke Olson (11)** each drove in one run for the Mariners. **Robinson** stole two bases, and **Sowa** had a double. Scoring the 4 runs were **Brady Rivette (9)**, **Robinson**, **Sowa**, and **Braylen Zimmerman (11)**. In the second game against the Stags, **Adam Olson (9)** started the pitching and recorded 17 outs. **Eli Workman (12)** scored one run, with him and **Robinson** both collecting hits that game.



Photo courtesy:
James Jados



Their next games against Pine River were two more losses, with scores of 8-11 and 7-14. **Robinson**, **Workman**, **Shannon**, **Joseph**, **Sowa**, **Olson**, and **Owen Polcyn (11)** each chipped in one hit. **Sowa** and **Workman** both had 2 runs, while **Joseph**, **Shannon**, **Olson**, and **Robinson** had one. For their last game, **Sowa** and **Zimmerman** both had hits, but the majority were walked. Their next home game is Friday, 4-18, 4 pm, against Orchard View.

SPORTS CONTINUED

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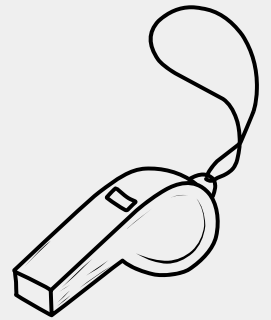
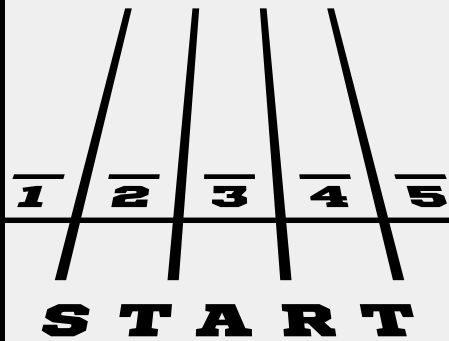


The softball teams also had two doubleheaders against Kingsley and Pine River. They also fell short in all of the games. Although, a quote from new head coach, Ms. Bohle, "We are so excited to bring back a historically strong program! MHS hasn't had a full season for the last 3 years, so right now we are setting the foundations to build the program back up. We have several underclassmen looking to step up and contribute to our team, as well as a few girls coming in who have never played before. I am so proud of their willingness to step out of their comfort zones and learn something new. Our first few games didn't go our way, but there were a lot of positives and it was good for the girls to experience an increased pace of play against two strong programs. We are hitting the ground running this week at practice and are looking to build on our last games. It takes a lot of hard work and resilience to be a student athlete, so that is what I am looking to see from the girls as the season goes on." We are grateful to have our softball team back, and can't wait to watch them grow throughout the season and years to follow!



SPORTS CONTINUED

Lastly, the track and field team competed at Hart on Saturday. The boys placed 3rd overall out of 11 teams. **Kaden Kott (12)** came in first for the 100-meter with a time of 11.58 seconds. **Nolan Dalke (11)** placed second in the 110-meter hurdles with a time of 17.60 seconds. Manistee's 4x100 meter relay team, consisting of **Kott, Ean Guenthardt (10), Braden Banicki (11), and Dayvion Neal-Berry (10)**, came in first with an overall time of 45.23 seconds. Furthermore, in the 4x200 meter relay, **Kott, Neal-Berry, Banicki, and Wyatt Protasiewicz (10)** had a time of 1:34.79 minutes and placed first. **Damien McEntaffer (12)**, with a height of 14 feet and 1 inch, placed first. Lastly, for the boys, **Kott** placed second, with 19 feet and 3 inches, and **Neal-Berry** placed third, 19 feet and 2 inches, for the long jump.



Moving onto the girls' team, they placed 5th overall out of 10 teams. **Audrey Huizinga (12)** placed second in the 200-meter with a time of 26.92 seconds; she then placed first in the 400-meter with a time of 59.55 seconds. The 4x400 meter relay team of **Huizinga, Lena Herberger (11), Maya Goodspeed (9), and Hattie Driver (9)** placed 2nd with a time of 4:24.39. Lastly, **Madalyn Wayward (11)** took home first in shotput with a throw of 32 feet and 6.5 inches and second in discus with 101 feet and 3 inches.

Great start to the spring season, Mariners!

MARINER TRAVELS!

We hope everyone had a very fun & relaxing spring break. See down below where your peers adventured off to this year!



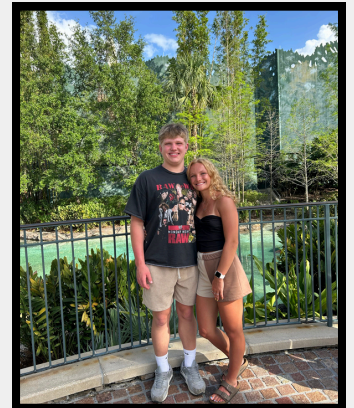
Yael D - DC and NYC



Bella S - Louisiana and cruise ship to Cozumel, Mexico



Eddie and Audrey H - Virginia and DC



Alayna E and Landin S - Florida



Macaela B - Arizona



Eli W and Callie S - Florida



Adam O - Arizona



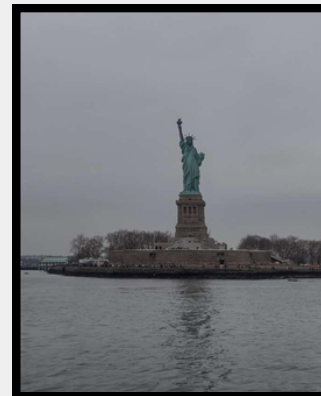
Mason R - Dominican Republic



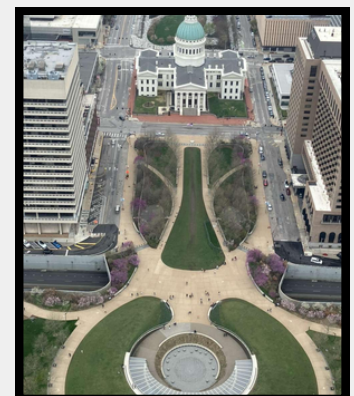
Kate S- Dominican Republic



Trevor H- Nevada



Oliver H- New York



Cady B- Missouri



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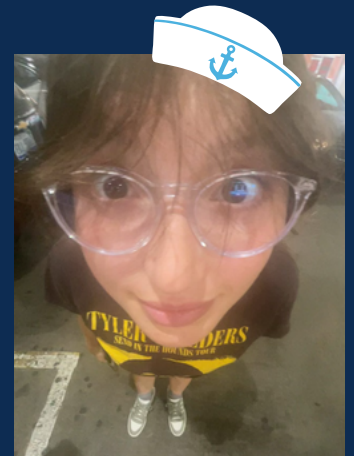


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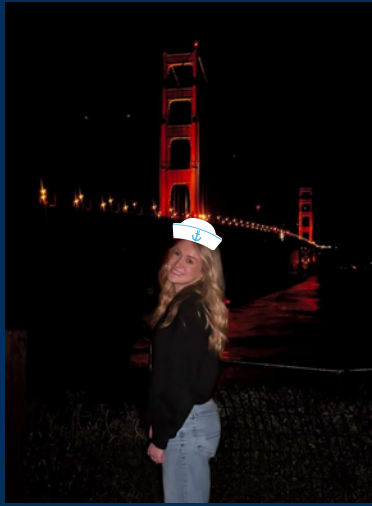
"Life is a stage play; what do you want to happen next?"



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Mr. Quakkelaar
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"You've got to be kind"

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